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UTILITY APPLICATION AND FEE TRANSMITTAL (1.53(b))

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

First named Inventor
or Application Identifier: Ichiro ONUKI

For: IMAGE SENSING APPARATUS AND METHOD CAPABLE OF MERGING
FUNCTION FOR OBTAINING HIGH-PRECISION IMAGE BY SYNTHESIZING
IMAGES AND IMAGE STABILIZATION FUNCTION

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 168 page(s) of specification, 1 page(s) of Abstract, 23 page(s) of claims
☒ 50 sheets of drawing (Figs. 1-56) ☒ formal ☐ informal
☒ 6 page(s) of Declaration and Power of Attorney
☐ Unsigned
☐ Newly Executed
☒ Copy from prior application

☐ Deletion of inventors including Signed Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)(2)

☒ Incorporation by Reference: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the combined declaration and power of attorney is supplied herein, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is incorporated herein by reference.

☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

☐ _____ page(s) of Sequence Listing

- ☐ computer readable disk containing Sequence Listing
☐ Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f) that computer and paper copies of the Sequence Listing are the same

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☒ [X] Assignment Papers (assignment cover sheet and assignment documents)

☐ [] A check in the amount of \$40.00 for recording the Assignment.

☒ [X] Assignment papers filed in parent application Serial No. 08/996,287.

☐ [] Certification of chain of title pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b).

☒ [X] Priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 for:
Application No(s). 8-349310 & 8-349311, filed 12/27/1996, in Japan (country).

☐ [] Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) []

☐ [] filed herewith

☒ [X] filed in parent application Serial No. 08/996,287, filed 12/22/1997.

☐ [] English translation document(s) []

☐ [] filed herewith

☐ [] filed in application Serial No. _____, filed _____.

☐ [] Priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) for:
Provisional Application No. _____, filed _____.

☐ [] Priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120 for:
Application No(s). _____, filed _____, in _____.

☐ [] Information Disclosure Statement

☐ [] Copy of ____ cited references

☐ [] Preliminary Amendment

☒ [X] Return receipt postcard (MPEP 503)

☒ [X] This is a [] continuation [X] divisional [] continuation-in-part (C-I-P) of prior application
serial no. 08/996,287, filed 12/22/1997, now allowed _____.

☒ [X] Cancel in this application original claims 1-38 of the parent application before calculating the
filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

☐ [] A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this Amendment have been properly
numbered consecutively beginning with the number following the highest numbered original claim in the
prior application.

☒ [X] The status of the parent application is as follows:

☐ [] A Petition For Extension of Time and a Fee therefor has been or is being filed in the parent
application to extend the term for action in the parent application until _____.

☐ [] A copy of the Petition for Extension of Time in the co-pending parent application is attached.

☒ [X] No Petition For Extension of Time and Fee therefor are necessary in the co-pending parent
application.

☐ [] Please abandon the parent application at a time while the parent application is pending or at a time when
the petition for extension of time in that application is granted and while this application is pending has
been granted a filing date, so as to make this application co-pending.

☐ Transfer the drawing(s) from the parent application to this application.

☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
This is a ☐ continuation ☒ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part of co-pending application Serial No. 08/996,287, filed December 22, 1997.

| I. CALCULATION OF APPLICATION FEE | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|---|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| | Number Filed | Number Extra | Rate | Basic Fee \$ 740.00 / \$370.00 |
| Total Claims | 24 - 20 = | 4 x | \$18.00/\$9.00 | \$ 72.00 |
| Independent Claims | 6 - 3 = | 3 x | \$84.00/\$42.00 | \$ 252.00 |
| Multiple Dependent Claims | | If marked, add fee of \$270.00 (\$135.00) | | \$ 0.00 |
| TOTAL: | | | | \$1,064.00 |

☐ A statement claiming small entity status is attached or has been filed in the above-identified parent application and its benefit under 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(a) is hereby claimed. Reduced fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(F) (50% of total) paid herewith \$_____.

☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ in payment of the application filing fees is attached.

☒ Charge Fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 1232-4408US1. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.

☒ The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for filing this application, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 1232-4408US1. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.

Respectfully submitted,

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